

House Resolution 2113

By: Representatives Ashe of the 56th, Morgan of the 39th, Gardner of the 57th, Kaiser of the 59th, Dobbs of the 53rd, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Georgia Center for Child Advocacy; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, every child deserves a nurturing family and safe environment, free from fear,
4 abuse, and neglect; and

5 WHEREAS, the Georgia Center for Child Advocacy works diligently to champion the needs
6 of sexually and severely physically abused children through prevention, intervention,
7 therapy, and collaboration; and

8 WHEREAS, the Center provides a safe, friendly place for abused children with long-term
9 psychological treatment to victims and their families and assistance with the investigation
10 of abuse cases; and

11 WHEREAS, on April 23, 2010, the Center will celebrate the lives of Georgia's children who
12 have been lost to child abuse with its first Children's Memorial flag raising on the Center's
13 upper lawn; and

14 WHEREAS, the Center will fly a flag for a month in honor of Georgia's children and as a
15 reminder that it is the responsibility of every adult to protect children from harm; and

16 WHEREAS, the Children's Memorial Flag Initiative was started in 1998 by the Child
17 Welfare League of America as a public awareness campaign to direct attention to the tragedy
18 of violent child deaths as a part of a national initiative to reduce child mortality; and

19 WHEREAS, the flag to be raised at the Center on April 23rd was created by a 16-year-old
20 student from California and depicts blue paper-doll-like figures of children holding hands
21 with a chalk-outlined figure of a child missing from the group, symbolizing a child lost to
22 violence; and

23 WHEREAS, the amazing work of the Georgia Center for Child Advocacy in protecting
24 Georgia's children is worthy of recognition.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
26 the members of this body commend the Georgia Center for Child Advocacy for its service
27 as a champion for children in Georgia and recognize its Children's Memorial flag raising as
28 a way of bringing attention to the problem of violence against children.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
30 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia Center for Child
31 Advocacy.